



2004-05 REVISED/NEW FEE REQUESTS  
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GROUP NAME: Economic Development/Public Services  
DEPARTMENT NAME: Land Use Services  
FUND NAME : General  
BUDGET UNIT: AAA WAB  
PROGRAM: Fire Hazard Abatement

PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS AS CURRENTLY BUDGETED	
Budgeted Appropriations	\$ 2,034,741

PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS IF FEE REVISIONS ARE ACCEPTED	
Revised Appropriations	\$ 2,169,641

DIFFERENCES (See Following Page for Details)	
\$	134,900

PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES AS CURRENTLY BUDGETED	
Current Fee Revenue for listed fees	180,000
Fee Revenue for fees not listed	1,854,741
Non Fee Revenue	-
Local Cost	-
Budgeted Sources	\$ 2,034,741

PROGRAM FUNDING SOURCES IF FEE REVISIONS ARE ACCEPTED	
Fee Revenue for listed fees	314,900
Fee Revenue for fees not listed	1,854,741
Non Fee Revenue	-
Local Cost	-
Revised Sources	\$ 2,169,641

134,900
-
-
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\$ 134,900

SUMMARY OF JUSTIFICATION FOR FEE REQUEST(S)	
Loss of General Fund Subsidy	-
Increased Employee Related Costs	-
Increased Inflationary Costs	-
Other	134,900
Total	\$ 134,900

Briefly Describe the Summary of Justification for Fee Request(s) and the Budgetary Impact to Program if Fee(s) are approved:

See Attached.



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SUMMARY OF JUSTIFICATION AND BUDGETARY IMPACT

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Briefly Describe the Summary of Justification for Fee Requests(s) and the Budgetary Impact to Program if Fee(s) are approved:

Abatement processing fees are applied only after the first inspection and notification process has occurred and the property owner has failed to meet the requirements related to the County's Fire and Hazardous Trees Ordinance in the unincorporated portions of the County, as well as under contract with certain cities and fire districts. The included fee changes clarify for the property owner the fees that will be assessed and includes inspections, notifications to property owners and removal of hazards due to vegetation and flammable debris. The most significant change allows for the third inspection of the property to be billed to the property owner if they fail to comply by the deadline, the department arranges for a contractor to perform the work, when the contractor arrives the work has been completed, and Fire Hazard Abatement staff is required to perform an additional inspection of the property. There are no charges to property owners who meet the date requirements as indicated on the first notification, only those property owners who do not meet the initial required deadline incur any charges.

By increasing fee revenue the Fire Hazard Abatement program should reduce the impact on local cost that has occurred for the past several years, due to increases in expenses without offsetting fee increases. By purchasing the GPS equipment and software the Fire Hazard Abatement program should be more efficient and able to increase the areas monitored, and increase the accuracy of identifying non-compliant properties. This fee increase should increase revenue to cover the cost of the equipment and software within two to three years.



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CURRENT FEE ORDINANCE/ CODE SECTION	FEE TITLE/ DESCRIPTION	CURRENT FEE	CURRENT UNITS IN BUDGET	CURRENT FEE REVENUE	PROPOSED FEE	PROPOSED UNITS	PROPOSED/ NEW FEE REVENUE	CHANGE IN FEE	CHANGE IN UNITS	CHANGE IN REVENUE	INCREASE IN APPROP	JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST INCLUDE BUDGETARY IMPACT IF FEE IS APPROVED
16.0215C (c) (1)	Abatement processing fee (Applied to each parcel for each notice and/or warrant issued after initial notification of non compliance)	\$ 92.00	-	\$ -	\$ 92.00	1,500	\$ 138,000	\$ -	1,500	\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000	Change to Title only for language clarification to allow for appropriate charge, based on an analysis of Salary & Benefits, Services & Supply costs and the time required to perform the functions during each step of notification / inspection process. If this fee item is approved, approval of 16.0215C (c) (3) is also required.
16.0215C (c) (3)	Warrant processing fee	\$ 92.00	1,500	\$ 138,000	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ (92.00)	(1,500)	\$ (138,000)	\$ (138,000)	This fee item is being deleted as a separate item and added in the change to 16.0215C (c) (1). If this fee item is approved, approval of 16.0215C (c) (1) is also required.
16.0215C (c) (4)	Late Abatement	\$ 21.00	2,000	\$ 42,000	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ (21.00)	(2,000)	\$ (42,000)	\$ (42,000)	This fee item is being deleted and separated into two items, 16.0215 (c) (4) (A) and 16.0215C (c) (4) (B), to provide clarification to property owners of actual charge. If this fee item is approved, approval of 16.0215 (c) (4) (A) and 16.0215C (c) (4) (B) are also required.
16.0215C (c) (4) (A)	Extension requested	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 21.00	100	\$ 2,100	\$ 21.00	100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	This fee item is being added to separate 16.0215C (c) (4) into two items 16.0215C (c) (4) (A) and 16.0215C (c) (4) (B), to provide clarification to property owners of actual charge. If this item is approved, approval of 16.0215 (c) (4) and 16.0215 (c) (4) (B) are also required.
16.0215C (c) (4) (B)	Abatement - Done by Owner after initial deadline	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ 92.00	1,900	\$ 174,800	\$ 92.00	1,900	\$ 174,800	\$ 174,800	Based on an analysis of Salary & Benefits, Services & Supply costs and the time required to perform these functions, staff has determined that it is necessary to change the current fee as indicated in order to more accurately charge for services and ensure that there will be no impact on Local Cost. This fee item is being added to separate 16.0215C (c) (4) into two items 16.0215C (c) (4) (A) and 16.0215C (c) (4) (B), to allow for the inspection of a non compliant property to be billed to the property owner if they fail to comply after the third notice and the final deadline has passed. The department then arranges for a contractor to perform the work, when the contractor arrives and finds the work has been completed, but the Fire Hazard Abatement staff is required to perform an additional inspection of the property. There are no charges to property owners who meet the date requirements as indicated on the first notification, only those property owners who do not meet the initial required deadline incur any charges. If this fee item is approved, approval of 16.0215C (c) (4) and 16.0215C (c) (4) (A)